

**Tri County JSEC Meeting**  
**Friday, October 26, 2012**

**Present:** Keri Hill, Jackie Bonney, Cele Pohle, Jim Davison, Marilyn Ohman, Cal Boyle, and Shirley Cortright.

**Minutes:** Cele motioned seconded by Keri to approve minutes as written.

**Treasurers Report:** Currently the balance after deposits from Pizza/lunch money is \$1081.24 with no outstanding bills.

**Job Service Updates:** Budgets turned in and we had to cut 3% out of our budgets. October busy month for staff training – lots of new updates for staff. Job orders still growing. REA Program for UI claimants on extensions reviewing work searches, etc. Completed over 3000 appointments since went into effect. REA Program ends December 31, 2012 – not sure if will be extended again or not. Since the recession the State of Montana has paid out 1.2 Billion dollars in UI Benefits. Department has a succession plan to prepare for the projection of those retiring - 13.7% baby boomers statewide will be retiring by 2017. Marilyn is currently in the process of working on the One-Stop Re-Certifications for both Anaconda & Butte Offices. Sign/Logo changed under Federal Mandate we are required to use

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Marilyn is part of team for a grant that we received called business services engagement and she as well as business customers involved will be traveling to Washington DC. There are 13 states in the grant group, have the plan, and will meet and adjust the plan accordingly. Dept of Labor/Job Service Offices is still working on additional social media such as Facebook as well as other areas.

**12 Danger Zones Training:** Jim suggested that we host the Brown Bag luncheon for the 12 Danger Zones series similar to what Butte JSEC has done. JSEC paid to advertise in Newspaper, sent out via e-mail and PSA's on the stations. Videos last about 20 minutes each, have handouts that go with it, each JSEC Member took a topic and facilitated that topic. JSEC is also viewing the videos at their meetings each month. We will view one in our next meeting and then look at the possibility of hosting the training in the Tri County area.

**Minimum Wage/Updates:** Provided updated unemployment rates, information on Montana Employment Law Newsletters and discussed minimum wage/poster change.

**Business Needs/Input:** Sun Mountain still dealing with turnover, at times they can hire a group and they will all stay, and other times they don't work out so good, could

possibly be a generational problem. Planer staff is covering the Finger Jointer on Fridays. Greany's Dry Goods in Deer Lodge is closing by the end of the year (may have individual interested in purchasing), J& J Variety also looking at closing as well. Cele mentioned the contact person is Sundi West from Mt Army National Guard regarding project to remove explosives – Contract went to Bay West and should be starting in June 2013. There is also some talk that Scharf's Restaurant could be closing as well. Jim indicated that Anaconda is seeing businesses moving around – moving into larger locations. Granite County has the Brewery open and it's good according to those that were present; Brown Derby did get motel open again so hopefully that will help with hunting season; still not open for breakfast yet.

**Next Meeting will be Friday, November 16th**